maintained by the Government of Bihar through the Bodhgaya Temple Management Committee constituted under Bodhgaya Temple Act, 1949.

In case of Hampi, discussions were held with officials of Government of Karnataka, ASI and other stakeholders and it was decided to formulate an operational management plan to strengthen the functioning of the Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority at Hampi. The suggestion of UNESCO mission to establish a technical unit is receiving the attention of the Government of Karnataka.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has nominated Majuli Island in Assam for consideration of inclusion in the World Heritage List in the year 2006. Besides, the Government would also be resubmitting the nomination dossiers of Red Fort.

Impact of pollution and earthquake on heritage symbol

2667. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Union has selected Delhi's towering heritage symbol-Qutub Minar—as the Indian site to carry out seismic resistance tests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the European Union has also been monitoring the impact of pollution and earthquake on some other heritage symbols in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether they have sought Government's permission for such monitoring and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The European Union in collaboration with Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee, under a research project funded by the EU-India Economic Cross Cultural Programme, has selected Qutub Minar for improving its seismic resistance. They have proposed to perform non-destructive tests and install dynamic monitoring equipment at Qutub Minar in the next month.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Historic building in New Delhi

2668. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are historic buildings in New Delhi that even officials of the ASI were unaware of it until recently; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) The ASI conserves and protects only such monuments and sites which are declared protected under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites & Remains Act 1958. The details of such monuments and sites in Delhi are published by the ASI in "Inventory of Monuments and Sites of National Importance" (Vol. 1, Part 3), Delhi Circle.

(b) Question does not arise.

Plan for development of NER

2669. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a comprehensive plan for infrastructure development of North-Eastern Region, particularly in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects undertaken for execution in the region during the last three years along with the funds allocated, released and utilized so far, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The development of infrastructure in the North Eastern Region (NER) including the State of Arunachal